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Washington, D.C. 20006
United States of America

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
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The undersigned

Name..... H. Bentley Glass
Nationality..... USA
Address..... Chairman, Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility
Amer. Association for the Advancement of Science

..... wishes to communicate to
the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, for the purposes established
in its Statute and Regulations, the following:

Name of the person whose human rights have been violated..... Sylvia BERMAN
former President of the Federacion Argentina de Psiquiatras

Address.....
Description of the violation..... Through arrests of her family members, it has
been demonstrated that the security of Dr. Sylvia Berman is in danger in
Argentina. On November 13, military members went to the home of Dr. Berman
(her car was parked outside) and took her daughter Irene Torrens (Berman) and
her 8-month-old grandchild. Dr. Berman was not at home. Later in the week
they went to the house of Dr. Berman's ex-husband where they kidnapped Daniel
Alfredo Soto, the fiance of Dr. Berman's second daughter, Nora Torrens Berman.

Place and date of the violation..... Late November, 1976

Local authority who took cognizance of the act and the date on which this
occurred..... Unknown

Judge or court which took cognizance of the act and the date on which this
occurred..... Unknown

Final decision of the authority (if any) that acted in the matter.....

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In the case of it not being possible to have recourse to a local authority,
judge or court, explain the reasons for such impossibility.....
Writ of habeas corpus has been suspended. Argentine government will
not acknowledge reasons for arrest or charges.

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List the names and addresses of witnesses to the act (if any) or enclose
the corresponding documents..... Nora Torrens-Berman was a witness to the
second kidnapping (Daniel Alfredo Soto) and has presented a denouncement
and a writ of habeas corpus.
Documents enclosed: Letter from Mexican women to Dr. Gabriela Touchard,
OAS Inter-American Commission on Women

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The undersigned should indicate whether he wishes his identity to be
withheld..... Not necessary to withhold identity

Place and date..... Washington, D.C.
Signature..... H. Bentley Glass

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